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Tennessee Athletic Commission Approves Four Amateur Sanctioning Organizations

Nashville, TN - The Tennessee Athletic Commission recognized and approved four amateur sanctioning organizations at its meeting on September 30, 2008. These organizations are USA Boxing, the World Karate Association, the International Kickboxing Federation and the International Sport Kickboxing Association.

Any amateur event not conducted by a school, college or university would be illegal unless the event is sanctioned by and the amateur combatant is registered with one of the four amateur sanctioning organizations recognized and approved by the Commission.

The Commission has appointed a committee to review and recommend criteria to recognize and approve additional amateur sanctioning organizations. Additional information regarding the first meeting of the committee will be announced shortly.

At the September 30 meeting the Commission also approved proposed emergency rules for the regulation of professional events. The proposed emergency rules are to be submitted to the Attorney General's office for approval as to form and legality and do not take effect until submitted to and accepted by the Secretary of State.

Additional information on the final approval of the emergency rules and the licensing and permitting requirements for professional events will be posted when approved.

For more information on the Athletic Commission, visit www.tn.gov/commerce/athletic.

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